

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 4-15, 21, 26 and 29 are currently in this application with claim 28 cancelled and claim 29 added herein, no new matter has been added. The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 1, 2, 4-15, 21 and 26 are allowed.

In the office action claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 112, second paragraph and 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2001/0005676 to Masuda.

Claim 28 is cancelled herein, accordingly the rejection is now rendered moot.

New claim 29 is submitted herein and patentably distinguishes over Masuda for at least the following reasons.

It is respectfully submitted that Masuda fails to teach each and every element of claim 29, for example, Masuda fails to teach “base stations forming a cell group in which communication service is provided to subscriber terminals, wherein zone registration for allowing communication in the zone in the cell group is not required for subscriber terminals.”

Masuda in paragraphs 0054-0055 referencing Fig. 3, teaches:

[0054] FIG. 3 is an example of step S4, and it is judged whether or not the received location registration area is under control of the home zone of the mobile switching center (MSC) 2 (step S40).

[0055] In the case where the received location registration area is under control of the home zone, the services are allowable (step S42). In the case where it is not under control of the home zone, it is judged whether or not message services are possible to be provided in a zone other than the home zone for the corresponding mobile subscriber (MS) (step S41).

Accordingly, as best understood Masuda teaches that it is essential that any zones where communication is allowed are registered as a home zone. Thus, Masuda fails to teach “a zone

that zone registration for allowing communication in the zone is not required,” and in fact teaches away from the recitations of claim 29.

For at least the foregoing reasons it is submitted that independent claim 29 patentably distinguishes over Masuda and is allowable.

CONCLUSION

Allowance of the claims remaining in the present application is earnestly solicited.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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